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INDY PARKS OPENS 4-ACRE DOG PARK ON CITY'S SOUTHSIDE

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Parks and Recreation officially opened the City's fourth Canine Companion Zone, catering to dog owners on the Southside. The four-acre dog park located next to Smock Golf Course gives residents a secure landscape to allow dogs off-leash to socialize and exercise in a fenced-in area under specific guidelines.

"Dog parks connect residents and their dogs to their community while promoting responsible pet ownership through socialization and play," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "We are pleased to provide this amenity to Indianapolis residents that improves quality of life both for them and their pets."

Indy Parks' other Canine Companion Zones include:

- Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Avenue. Passes are available at the family center
- Eagle Creek Park, 5900 North High School Road. Passes are available at the 56th St. Gate House
- Paul Ruster Park, 11300 E. Prospect Drive. Passes are available Post Road Community Park, 1313 South Post Road.

"This effort has been a seven-year project for me. I am so happy that it has finally come to fruition," said State Rep. Mike Speedy. "This bark park will help keep Southside dogs healthier and happier members of families, while being a revenue generator for the Indy Parks budget."

Dog owners are required to show proof of vaccinations and purchase an annual "Pooch Pass" for \$75 or a \$5 daily pass to access the park. Owners also have the option to obtain a VIP or "Very Important Pooch" pass that allows access to all four dog parks. Smock Dog Park passes are available at Perry Park, 451 E. Stop 11 Road or by calling (317) 888-0070 for more information.

"The dog park is a great place for the Southside community to interact, meet new friends and catch up with neighbors. I am excited to have such a positive resource in my district," said City-County Councillor Jack Sandlin.

Canine Companion Zones are not staffed or supervised by Indy Parks or the City of Indianapolis and users are required to abide by posted rules and etiquette at all times while on the premises.

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